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SUBJECT: US FOOD RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR OECD MEETING

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1. PREPARATORY TO THE AD HOC MEETING ON A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, OCTOBER 28-29, 1975, SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED MISSION TO AGREE TO CIRCULATION TO ALL DELEGATIONS OF THE TEXT OF A TEN-PAGE PAPER ENTITLED, "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH" AS A NOTE SUBMITTED BY USG. THE PAPER, UNDATED AND WITHOUT INDICATION OF ORIGIN OR STATUS, WAS HAND-CARRIED TO SECRETARIAT FROM EUR/RPE ON SEPTEMBER 26.

2. AFTER LOOKING OVER THE PAPER, WE WONDER IF IT MIGHT NOT BE STRENGTHENED BY GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE GOAL OF APPLYING THE RESEARCH TO THE NEEDS OF LDCS. WE NOTE THAT THE PREAMBLE REFERS TO OECD COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY STATEMENT THAT "SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHOULD DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THAT

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FINDINGS ARE DEVELOPED TO A POINT

WHERE THEY MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, "BUT THIS IMPORTANT THRUST OF US POLICY (WHICH WAS EMPHASIZED IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AS WELL AS IN ORIGINAL US PROPOSAL FOR OECD FOOD RESEARCH UNDERTAKING) IS NOT PICKED UP IN THE BODY OF THE PAPER. ONE WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS MIGHT BE TO REFER TO USG OBJECTIVES AS EMBODIED IN TITLE XII OF HR 9005 AND TO INVITE OTHER OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES TO PLAN SIMILAR INITIATIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF LDCS. RESEARCH RESULTING FROM SUCH INITIATIVES MIGHT THEN BE COORDINATED AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE INCORPORATION OF THESE ASPECTS OF US FOOD RESEARCH POLICY IN THE US SUBMISSION TO THE OECD WAS DISCUSSED WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER DURING HIS VISIT HERE SEPT. 25-26(REF A).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER:
(A) THE PAPER REFERRED TO ABOVE SHOULD BE CIRCULATED AS US NOTE AND (B) WHETHER IT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS.
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